

**CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
THE NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM
HONORS BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET.) LEON A. JOHNSON AND FEATURES EXHIBIT HONORING
HISTORIC RED TAILS PILOTS**

Fort Worth, TX...The National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum will host a reception honoring Brigadier General (Ret.) Leon A. Johnson and the Tuskegee Airmen in the museum's re-installation celebrating Fort Worth's Charles Platte Tuskegee Airmen Chapter and the history of the Red Tail Angels on **Tuesday, November 13th** from **5:30 to 7:30 PM**. The museum relocated in August 2018, to **2029 N Main St, Fort Worth, TX 76164, in the Historic Stockyard and Exchange District**.

National President of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., **Brigadier General (Ret.) Leon A. Johnson** will be the event's Honoree. General Johnson retired from the U.S. Air Force after thirty-three years of service. During his AF career, he commanded a fighter squadron, fighter group, was the Vice Commander of 10th Air Force at the Joint Reserve Base in Ft. Worth, TX , and served as Mobilization Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force and Director of Operations at the Air Education and Training Command. In 2011, General Johnson was awarded a Doctorate in Humane Letters by Tuskegee University. He is a member of several organizations including the Air Force Association, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of World Wars and is a founding member of the International Black Aerospace Council, Inc. and Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated. General Johnson was elected to his fifth two-year term as the Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated national president in July 2018.

The exhibit features photos, replica airplanes and articles chronicling the heroics and challenges faced by the squads of African-American fighter and bomber military pilots who fought in World War II. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. During World War II, black Americans in many U.S. states were still subject to the Jim Crow laws, and the American military was racially segregated, as was much of the federal government. The Tuskegee Airmen were subjected to discrimination, both within and outside the army. Tuskegee Airmen were some of the best pilots in the U.S. Army Air Forces due to a combination of pre-war experience and the personal drive of those accepted for training. "We are thrilled to be able to shine a bold and brilliant light on the Tuskegee Airmen," says museum Co-Founder Jim Austin. "These brave gentlemen risked everything for a country that honestly didn't show them the respect they deserved. Now, all these years later, as their efforts and accomplishments are more widely known and celebrated, we are honored to be among those keeping their proud legacy alive and telling their story in our museum through our collection of memorabilia."

Don't miss this celebration of one of the most iconic fighting forces in U.S. history. This event is free and open to the public with RSVP ticket from Eventbrite.com; email gaustin@cowboysofcolor.org, or by calling the museum (817) 534-8801. Light hors d'oeuvres and free parking will be provided. For more information about National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum visit www.cowboysofcolor.org .

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